

# Double Bill in City Auditorium To-Night

## BERGER'S CONTRACT IS NOW WITH SECRETARY

Youngster Visits Headquarters and Affixes His Signature—Ryan Thinks Well of Him—Strain and Laval Constitute Hold-Out Brigade.

Clarence Edward Berger, the young man who claims the distinction of having broken the scoreless tract of Richmond College's football team back in 1911, arrived in Richmond yesterday, walked to baseball headquarters and signed a contract, making him the property of Ray Ryan's Colts for 1914.

Berger, whose chief baseball experience was obtained at Fork Union Academy and later at Fredericksburg College, promised to report to the Richmond club last season, but later decided that he wouldn't enter professional baseball for a while. This year, after talking with Manager Ryan and Secretary Bradley, he came to the conclusion that he was ready to begin; therefore the contract with his name signed is now in the archives of the secretary.

Thinks Well of Berger. Ryan is particularly impressed with Berger. He thinks that the lad will make a corking good man for his club. He is sure going to get opportunity enough, for Ryan will try him all over the lot. He will have his chance behind the bat, at first, then second and third, and afterwards in the outfield. He is too big and too fast for me to let him go until he has positively made me that he isn't a natural ball player.

Those who followed the ill-fated Spider eleven in 1911 will remember that Fredericksburg recruit, who almost won a game for the Red and Blue. He played full back and his steady backing of the line and broken field running aided materially in the few points Richmond College did score against the opposition.

Moreland Draws Release. Along with Berger's contract, Secretary Bradley received instruction from Ryan to send Outfielder Moreland his release. Moreland played in nineteen games for the Colts last season toward the far end, and while he showed some ability as a fielder, he was not so impressive a player as Ryan can get a better man. Therefore Moreland was turned loose so that he could get another job before all of the managers in the minor leagues are filled up. Moreland is from Washington.

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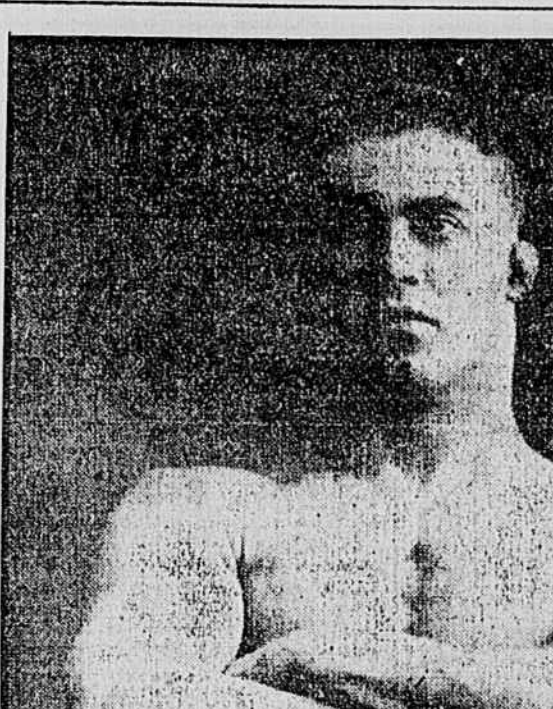
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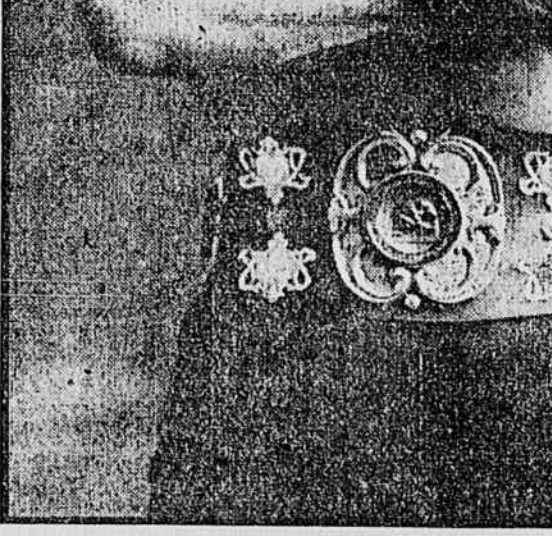
## Amateur Baseball Commission to Meet.

A meeting of the Amateur Baseball Commission will be held tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock in the National State and City Bank. President Julien H. Hill, of the commission, is very anxious that all members be on hand promptly, as there is a vast amount of business to be transacted, and only prompt attendance will permit of all the work being accomplished. Some vital questions will come up for discussion.

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The Blues and Spiders are busy these days putting in the final touches for the annual dual indoor track meet between Richmond College and the militiamen in the Horseshow Building Saturday night. Heretofore it has been very much of a walkover for the collegians, but this season the Blues have gathered a worthy bunch of athletes, and the fight for honors will be to the finish. Coach Dobson, of Richmond College, is not underrating the challenge of the Spiders, and is endeavoring to get every bit of speed possible out of his charges. The same is true with the Blues. The men who will carry the colors of the crack military command are anxious to make up for past defeats and, in endeavoring to extend themselves in an endeavor to win, Captain Strother, of the Blues, is optimistic over his prospects, and while not predicting a victory, expects to make a far more creditable showing than has been made in the past.

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O'Connor to St. Louis. Springfield, Mass., February 3.—Catcher Patrick F. O'Connor to-day announced that he had accepted a contract for the next season. He says he turned down offers from two Federal League clubs, the Chicago Cubs and the St. Louis Cardinals, and has accepted a contract with the St. Louis Cardinals. He was drafted by St. Louis in 1912, but was not called up until 1913, when he was sent to the minors. He was then called up and played for the Cardinals in 1913 and 1914.

Jefferson School Wins. Charlottesville, Va., February 3.—Randolph-Macon Academy, of Front Royal, Va., defeated tonight by Jefferson School 4 to 1. The local American League club will take the game back to the city on Saturday. The Blues-College dual meets have come to be feature events in Richmond, and crowded houses always greet the stars of the boards. It goes without saying that this year will be no exception. Society will be out in force, while friends of the two institutions will be on hand in large numbers to cheer their favorites on to victory.

Elon Doesn't Appear. Lynchburg, Va., February 3.—The Elon (N. C.) College basketball team failed to make an appearance here to-night for a game scheduled with the local Y. M. C. A.

Blackstone Academy Loses. Blackstone, Va., February 3.—Virginia Christian College defeated Blackstone Academy 23 to 20 in a hard-fought and scrappy game. Although outweighted over twenty pounds to the man, Blackstone fought with a never-say-die spirit. Beville starred for the locals.

SMASHES WINDOWS IN JAIL. Alleged desperado, Raymond Stroupe, Claims Lack of Attention. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Bristol, Va., February 3.—Claiming lack of attention, Raymond Stroupe, the youthful alleged desperado, held here for trial for the murder of Policeman William Campbell, when he shot down six years ago and then escaped, created a scene to-day by smashing every window in the city jail that was within reach. Stroupe, his counsel, had just arrived at the jail and heard the crash of glass. Stroupe will be sent to the dungeon cell unless he pledges better behavior.

Franklin Company Takes Over Valuable North Carolina Lands. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Suffolk, Va., February 3.—The biggest deal pulled off in years in Southampton County was consummated to-day when the Franklin Manufacturing Company, of Franklin, took over all the holdings of the Cumberland Land Company of Baltimore, Md., including timber lands, camps, box factories, railroad rights and other interests in the North Carolina counties—Duplin, Sampson and Pender. The money consideration was \$450,000.

SCUMPTON WANTED TO INSURE GIRL. New York, February 3.—Hans Schmidt, the former priest, on retrial for the murder of Anna Ammiller, sought to have another woman insure her life for a large amount under the name of Anna Ammiller. He offered \$35 to be placed in a savings bank to the credit of his victim's account, according to the testimony of the jury. The priest was launched by the prosecution when Miss Bertha Zech, formerly the maid of Anna Ammiller, according to the testimony of the jury, was the witness stand. Miss Zech, according to the testimony of the jury, was the witness stand. Miss Zech, according to the testimony of the jury, was the witness stand.

ONE MAN KILLS ANOTHER. Norborne Akers Shoots Friend of Married Daughter. Roanoke, Va., February 3.—Noah H. Sink, twenty-seven years old, was shot and almost instantly killed this afternoon by Norborne K. Akers, forty-seven years old, who was visiting in the city. The shooting was the result of a quarrel between the two men. Akers was visiting in the city. The shooting was the result of a quarrel between the two men. Akers was visiting in the city. The shooting was the result of a quarrel between the two men.

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## ROUSING MEETING HELD BY BOWLERS

Plans for Intercity Tournament Discussed, and Everything Found in Shipshape.

A meeting of the executive and allied committees of the Richmond Bowling Association, having in charge the Intercity bowling tournament, which is to be held on the Palace Alleys on the 18th of this month, was held last night in Senger Hall. President S. N. Williams, of the association presided, and reports were heard from the committee on tournament, prizes and entertainment. Secretary Jake Rowsey reported that entries were being received at a surprising rate, and that he felt certain that there would be more bowlers competing than had ever before been assembled on any alleys in the South. He particularly urged local bowlers to send in their entry blanks at once, so that there would be no confusion in classifying the men for the events.

Baltimore and Washington will send approximately thirty five-men teams, and in addition will have many two-men teams as well as individuals. Annapolis, Md., will in all probability have two or three five-men teams entered, while Petersburg, Norfolk, Newport News, Lynchburg and Roanoke will have teams entered in all of the classes. The prize money will amount into hundreds of dollars, and merchants will augment the cash prizes with worthy gifts to be competed for by the local and visiting pin knights.

The entry list closes on the 11th, so that it is essential that those who expect to enter send in their names by that date. Secretary Rowsey at once, entry blanks can be secured at the Newport and Palace Alleys.

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BY "KINDOWN." A double attraction for one admission will be the bill of fare served to the local sport colony to-night, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, when Joe Turner and John Kilonis meet in a finish match for the world middleweight wrestling championship, to be followed by Young Muldoon and Olsen in another finish match, the winner to be matched with the winner of the feature event of the evening. Both bouts will be staged in the City Auditorium, and a capacity house will greet the grapplers. Women will be admitted free, and that they will be out in large numbers is conceded.

All four men have completed their training. Turner is probably in the best condition he has ever shown in his long wrestling career. Kilonis, though he has been compelled to take off considerable flesh in order to get should Turner be successful in planning his shoulders to the mat. Both have been working hard and long in order to get into shape for a hard and gruelling battle.

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## SPIDERS TACKLE WHITTEMORE LEADS CHRISTIAN QUINT

The Richmond College basketball team will clash with the fast five representing Virginia Christian College to-night on the Horseshow Building. The game will start promptly at 8:30 o'clock, and it is thought that a large crowd will attend. The local school has been making a fine record, and the speakers were wildly applauded.

The Christian College invariably turns out strong basketball teams, this being the only major sport in their program. They have no football team, their undivided attention being given to basketball, with the result that they annually turn out one of the strongest teams in the State. They played the Lynchburg Spiders in a game a few days ago, and the association was won out after the hardest kind of a one-point. The result was a narrow margin of one point. The result was a narrow margin of one point. The result was a narrow margin of one point.

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